

2. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of output means include at least output means for outputting the received compressed digital data without decoding.

3. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

data expansion means for decoding the received compressed digital data to provide a decoded output signal; and

digital/analog conversion means for digital/analog-converting the decoded output signal to provide an analog output signal;

wherein the plurality of output means include:

compressed data output means for outputting the received compressed digital data in the compressed state to the external storage device;

digital data output means for outputting the decoded output signal to the external storage device; and

analog data output means for outputting the analog output signal to the external storage device.

4. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the compressed digital data distributed through the transmission line is distributed with additional information multiplexed thereto, and

the additional information is outputted together with the received compressed digital data to the external storage device when the compressed data output means is selected, while the additional information is not outputted to the external storage device when the digital data output means or the analog data output means is selected.

5. (Amended) The data receiving as claimed in claim 3, wherein the control means carries out control so that the connection state between the compressed data output means and the external storage device is preferentially selected.

6. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compressed digital data distributed through the transmission line is distributed with compressed

digital data of a plurality of contents multiplexed thereto, and wherein the processing means arbitrarily selects contents thereof.

01 7. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 6, wherein control data is multiplexed to the compressed digital data and thus distributed, wherein the processing means uses the control data for performing the arbitrary selection .

9. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

data expansion means for decoding the received compressed digital data compressed by a first compression system from among the compressed digital data compressed by the plurality of compression systems, and for providing a decoded output signal; and

02 digital/analog conversion means for digital/analog-converting the decoded output signal to provide a converted output signal,

wherein the plurality of output means include :

compressed data output means for outputting to the external storage device in the compressed state compressed digital data compressed by a second compression system, from among the compressed digital data compressed by the plurality of compression systems;

digital data output means for outputting the decoded output signal to the external storage device; and

analog data output means for outputting the converted output signal to the external storage device.

10. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the compressed digital data compressed by the second compression system is compressed on a time base and then distributed.

11. (Amended) A method for use in a data receiving device for receiving compressed digital data distributed through a transmission line and for processing the received compressed digital data for storage in an external storage device, the method comprising the steps of:

processing the received compressed digital data so that a plurality of output signals of different types can be provided to the external storage device;

selecting one of the plurality of output signals in accordance with a connection state between the external storage device and the data receiving device; and

providing the selected output signal to the external storage device.

12. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the plurality of output signals of different types include a digital data output signal, an analog output signal and a compressed digital data output signal, the method further comprising the steps of:

02      decoding the received compressed digital data to provide the digital data output signal;

decoding and digital/analog-converting the received compressed digital data to provide the analog output signal; and

providing the received compressed digital data signal as the compressed digital data output signal.

13. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the compressed digital data distributed through the transmission line is distributed with additional information multiplexed thereto, and wherein the step of providing the received compressed digital data as the compressed digital data output signal includes the step of providing the additional information to the external storage device

when the compressed digital data output signal is selected, while the additional information is not outputted to the external storage device when the digital data output signal or the analog output signal is selected.

14. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the compressed digital data output signal is preferentially selected from among the plurality of output signals.

15. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the compressed digital data distributed through the transmission line is distributed with compressed digital data of a plurality of contents multiplexed thereto, the method further comprising the step of arbitrarily selecting one of the plurality of contents.

16. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein control data is multiplexed to the compressed digital data and thus distributed, and wherein the step of arbitrarily selecting one of the plurality of contents includes the step of using the control data for performing the selection.

17. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the plurality of contents are distributed with compressed digital data multiplexed thereto, the compressed digital data being compressed by a plurality of compression systems.

18. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the plurality of output signals of different types include a digital data output signal, an analog output signal and a compressed digital data output signal, the method further comprising the steps of:

decoding the received compressed digital data compressed by a first compression system from among the plurality of compression systems to provide the digital data output signal;

decoding and digital/analog-converting the received compressed digital data compressed by the first compression system to provide the analog output signal; and

providing the compressed digital data output signal from the received compressed digital data compressed by a second compression system from among the plurality of compression systems.

19. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the compressed digital data compressed by the second compression system is compressed on a time base and then distributed.

20. (Amended) A data receiving device for receiving compressed digital data and additional information distributed through a transmission line, the device comprising:

receiving means for receiving the compressed digital data and additional information;

data expansion means for decoding the received compressed digital data to provided a decoded output signal;

digital/analog conversion means for digital/analog-converting the decoded output signal to provide an analog output signal;

digital data output means for providing the decoded output signal to a storage device;

a2 analog data output means for providing the analog output signal to the storage device;

mixed data means for providing the received compressed digital data and the additional information to the storage device; and

control means for controlling the digital data output means, analog data output means and mixed data means in accordance with a connection state between the data receiving device and the storage device.

a3 26. (Amended) The data receiving device as claimed in claim 23, wherein control data is multiplexed and distributed along with the compressed digital data and additional information, and wherein the receiving means uses the control data for selecting a desired tune.

a4 29. (Amended) A data receiving method for use in a data receiving device for receiving compressed digital data and additional information distributed through a transmission line, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the compressed digital data and additional information;  
decoding the received compressed digital data to provide a digital data output signal;

digital/analog-converting the digital data output signal to provide an analog output signal;

determining a connection state between the data receiving device and a storage device; and

selecting, in accordance with the determined connection state, either (a) the received compressed digital data and additional information, (b) the digital data output signal, or (c) the analog output signal, for storage in the storage device.

a5 34. (Amended) The data receiving method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the digital audio data and the additional information are multiplexed for a plurality of tunes for

distribution, the method further comprising the step of selecting a desired tune from the plurality of tunes .

05 35. (Amended) The data receiving method as claimed in claim 34, wherein control data is multiplexed and distributed along with the compressed digital data and additional information, and wherein the step of selecting a desired tune uses the control data to perform the selection.

Please cancel claims 27, 28, 36, 37, 38, 39, 43, 44, 45 and 46.

Insert new claims 47 – 49, as follows:

47. (New) A method for use in a data receiving device, the method comprising the steps of:

- down-loading content from a network;
- storing down-loaded record information associated with the down-loaded content in a first storage device;
- storing information about the down-loaded content in a second storage device;
- transmitting the stored down-loaded record information to a first destination for use in charging a user for the down-loaded content; and
- transmitting the stored information to a second destination different from the first destination.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the stored information comprises identification information and time information associated with the down-loaded content.

49. (New) A data receiving device for receiving compressed digital data from a network, the data receiving device comprising:

- an interface for coupling to a storage device; and
- a processor responsive to a connection state between the interface and the storage device for controlling which one of a plurality of output signals derived from the received compressed digital data is stored on the storage device;

wherein the plurality of output signals comprise a digital decompressed signal, an analog decompressed signal, and the received compressed digital data.